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SUBJ: BRAZILIAN AIR MINISTER CALLS FOR LATIN AMERICAN UNITY

1. BRAZIL'S MINISTER OF AIR LT GENERAL JOELMIR CAMPOS DE ARARIPE MACEDO CALLED FOR LATIN AMERICAN UNITY AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AS A WAY OF PROMOTING FOREIGN RESPECT FOR LATAM SOVERIGNTY. THE MINISTER VISITED CHILE MARCH 20-24 FOR THE MARCH 21 CELEBRATION OF THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE AT PERSONAL INVITATION OF AIR FORCE CINC AND JUNTA MEMBER GUSTAVO LEIGH. HE WAS THE ONLY FORIEGN VISITOR PRESENT.

2. THE BRAZILIAN MINISTER MADE HIS REMARKS ON HEMISPHERIC UNITY TO THE PRESS MARCH 23 IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT BRAZIL'S REACTION TO THE HUMAN REIGHTS POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES. HE STRESSED THAT THE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS

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IN BRAZIL PERMITTED BRAZIL TO END ITS SITUATION OF DEPENDENCE UPON EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT BRAZIL BELIEVED IN THE NEED FOR HEMISPHERIC UNITY BECAUSE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND MATERIEL EXCHANGES STRENGTHEN THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF EACH COUNTRY AND PROMOTE RESPECT FOR ITS PRINCIPLES AND SOVEREIGNTY. THE MINISTER ALSO SAID IT WAS TIME THE CONTINENT EMANCIPATED

ITSLEF FROM POWERFUL ARMS MERCHANTS. FINALLY, HE NOTED THAT BRAZIL NOW PRODUCES HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS. AT THE MINISTER' SDEPARTURE, GENERAL LEIGH ANNOUNCED THAT CHILE WILL BUY MORE MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM BRAZIL BECAUSE OF THE DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT IT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE "GREAT POWERS."

3. COMMENT: THE MINISTER'S STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS WERE SURPRISING, SINCE HIS VISIT HERETOFORE WAS VERY LOW KEY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE CAME TO CHILE ALMOST AS A PERSONAL GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH GENERAL LEIGH. HIS COMMENTS ABOUT USING ARMS MANUFACTURING TO LESSEN DEPENDENCE, AND LATIN COOPERATION HIT THE RIGHT TONE FOR CHILE, AND GENERAL LEIGH EXPANDED ON THE THEME BY CRITICIZING THE US IN-DIRECTLY ON ARMS POLICY.
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